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Warhawks Dominate Both Major Parties

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Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) recently (although indirectly) put his finger on what may be the foremost problem of the American political process:

Obama exposed the fact that in the foreign policy realm, all of the leading presidential candidates of both major parties have actually come together as members of what some call "the War Party."

During a recent debate, responding to critics among his rivals, Obama snapped, "I find it amusing that those who helped to authorize and engineer the biggest foreign-policy disaster in our generation are now criticizing me."

Obama was referring to the point that the other "top tier" Democratic candidates—Senators Chris Dodd (Conn.), Joseph Biden (Del.) and Hillary Clinton (N.Y.) and former Sen. John Edwards (N.C.)—all voted to support Republican George W. Bush's senseless decision to wage war on Iraq. (As an Illinois state legislator, Obama opposed the war.)

By publicly reminding grass-roots Democrats— some of the staunchest critics of the war—that their own party leaders lined up with Bush in waging the war, Obama effectively pointed toward an unspoken reality: that the primary motivation for Democrats to support Bush's war was that destroying Iraq was at the top of the "want list" of the Israeli lobby and its American supporters who funnel tens of millions of dollars in campaign money to both major parties. Pro- Israel donors swell Democratic coffers to the tune of perhaps as much as 80% of all contributions. The level of pro-Zionist contributions to GOP campaign funds is not quite that high—but almost.

So now that the war has proven to be a catastrophe, Democratic office seekers are using the war as a campaign issue against Republicans, eager to keep voters from remembering that Democratic leaders—bankrolled by the same interests as the Republicans—supported the disastrous war in the first place.

And despite the anti-war rhetoric coming from Democratic presidential hopefuls, *The NewYork Times* laid out the truth in its lead story on Aug.12: "Even as they call for an end to the war and pledge to bring the troops home, the Democratic presidential candidates are setting out positions that could leave the United States engaged in Iraq for years."

The only Democratic contenders truly opposing the war are former Sen. Mike Gravel (Alaska) and Rep. Dennis Kucinich (Ohio), joined by a lone Republican, Ron Paul (Texas). No wonder the three have been shut out by the mass media.

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